

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE WERE GATHERED
COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Wash-
ington and in Other Sections of
the Country.

WASHINGTON.

Administrative officials are con- sidered that Mexico City authorities have no effective plan of their own to bring about peace in Mexico and that the situation there is drifting.

The bill passed by the house ad- justing fees of duty on foreign goods for transit at the Panama-Pacific ex- position in San Francisco in 1915 has also been passed by the senate.

A conservatory duty on dried or candied fruits and candied wood or logs from Australia, equivalent to the bounty granted to those products by the Australian government, has been ordered by the treasury.

An official from the reconstruction service will soon visit southwestern Nebraska to investigate and report upon the feasibility of improving the water supply for irrigation purposes. This is the assurance given to Rep- resentative Burton, who has been working on the matter.

David Lister, conspicuous figure in the annals of the investigation and now under indictment in New York for impersonating members of con- gress, was arrested by order of At- torney General McInerney. He was released on \$2500 bonds.

President Borah, of the Dominican republic has advised the legation here that the revolution was confined to the cities of Puerto Plata, Samana and Moca; that it was not general in the northern part of the country, and that he had taken personal command of his troops.

As the climax of the vigorous re- publican condemnation of democratic legislative methods which has marked the currency debate, Representative Sidney Anderson of Minnesota, on the floor of the house, resigned as a member of the powerful ways and means committee.

Former Representative James E. Watson of Indiana, before the house lobby commission made a gen- eral denial of Martin Mulhall's al- lege charge that he was one of the active friends of the national association of manufacturers in congress for many years.

Congressman Towne of the Eighth Iowa district has classified forty- eight letters received from bankers in his district who have written him requesting the proposed currency bill. Two of them are in favor, three are noncommittal and forty-three are against it.

Chicago police reports that a so- called "black book," containing evi- dence of Chinese and opium smug- gling of traffic in white slaves had been seized in a Chinese restaurant in that city were denounced by the bureau of immigration as "the purest fabrication."

Democratic conference of the senate and house have made rapid progress on the tariff bill approving the earth- quake and glass schedules with slight changes the sugar schedule and the date for the new rates extended to March 1, 1914, the tobacco schedules with the exception of the proposed ba- nana tax and the countervailing duty on wheat.

DOMESTIC.

Philadelphia proposes to spend \$1,000,000 in the erection of school build- ings to meet immediate needs.

Women strike sympathizers at Calumet, Mich. have organized an auxiliary to the Western Federation of Miners. They plan a vigorous campaign in behalf of the strikers.

Representative Johnson of Washing- ton has introduced a resolution re- questing the president to negotiate with British and Canadian govern- ments for railway connections be- tween the United States and Alaska.

The number of scholars enrolled in the West Point schools on the opening day was 880, an increase of one over last year. Of this number ninety-two are pupils of the high school.

Representative Timothy D. Sullivan, who disappeared from his home at William's Bridge, Sep- tember 1, is still missing. Reports that he was in a sanatorium at Brew- ster, N. Y., under the care of a New York physician, were declared by the physician to be unfounded.

Falcon and Hope islands of the Friendly Tonga group in the South Pacific have disappeared from view. With them several hundred natives and a few white men also has disap- peared.

The United States army has more than 1,000 telegraphers in its ranks.

The estimated daily average con- sumption of cigars in the United States is 25,718,682.

The State Board of Health of Pennsylvania has begun a medical in- spection of 100,000 children in the 1215 district schools of the fourth class.

An ordinance that puts a ban on toy riding by young boys and girls of Kansas City, has been approved by a special committee of the lower house of the city council.

Direct wireless communication be- tween this country and Asia is now accomplished. The United States station at Nomi, Alaska, is slightly in communication with the Russians at Anadyr, Siberia, which is 500 miles from Nomi.

The ministers from Panama, Col- ombia, Nicaragua and Guatemala, the latter also acting for Honduras, called on President Wilson to pre- sent against the duty of one-tenth of 1 per cent per pound on bananas con- tained in the tariff bill.

Plans for presenting an anti-price fight initiative petition to the voters of the state were completed by the Los Angeles, Cal., Church Federation and copies of the petition were pre- pared for mailing to the various re- ligious and social welfare organiza- tions of the state.

As a result of a wild demonstration by a copper mine strikers and women sympathizers who poured into Calumet from all parts of the district, 50 teen women and three men are in- ter arrest, including Yanko Tazeh, a member of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners.

Governor Bulzer's transactions in Wall street from June 27, 1910, until they ceased—at least so far as one firm of brokers was concerned—on June 14, last were described under oath by Melville D. Fuller, who said he was Bulzer's broker in a hearing held by the nine impeachment man- agers appointed by the assembly.

The woman who was murdered ten days ago and whose body was cut up and thrown into the Hudson river at New York has been identified as Mrs. Casper Kahn of New York City. Although the head and arms and legs are missing, the body was iden- tified by a mark on the back.

West Virginia coal operators con- tinued their efforts to prove to the senate investigating committee that the United Mine Workers of Ameri- ca had conspired with Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and western Pennsylvania coal operators to monopolize West Vir- ginia mines and eliminate "cheap coal" from the markets.

Four robbers seized a hatchet con- taining \$4,800 in currency and \$10,000 in checks from Warrington McAvoy, 18 years old, a messenger of the Gar- field Park State Savings bank, at Chicago, and escaped by driving away in an automobile. The robbery oc- curred on the sidewalk in front of the bank without the display of a revolv- er.

Residence in the Philippines or other possessions of the United States does not carry with it for aliens the privilege of admission to this country, according to Commissioner of Immigration Anthony Caminetti, who directed the deportation of the fifty Hindus who have been held at the immigration station at Angel Island, the Hindus claimed the right to en- ter the United States because they had come from the Philippines.

FOREIGN.

For fifty years Norwegian women in the postal service have been paid the same salaries as men for the same work.

Japan each year produces more than 300,000,000 bushels of rice, nearly 6,000,000 pounds of tea and more than 35,000,000 pounds of silk.

The draft of the new constitution which Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulster unionists, and his col- leagues are preparing for the Ulster provisional government provides for votes for women.

Porter Charlton, the young Ameri- can who is to stand trial for the murder of his wife in 1910, has prepared a long memorandum on which he will base his defense and has turned it over to the official interpreter.

At the invitation of the Swiss fed- eral council an international govern- ment commission met at Berne to arrange a basis for the periodical ex- change between governments of sta- tistics in regard to the application of labor laws.

At a recent election in Sweden the fact was revealed that only 3.6 per cent of the women voters were dis- qualified for failure to pay taxes, as compared with 24.6 per cent of the men.

The government of France and Haiti have signed an agreement to submit for arbitration the claims made against Haiti in 1910 by France jointly with the United States, Ger- many, Great Britain and Italy. The agreement also covers the claims of Syrians and Ottomans.

IN HANDS OF REBELS

ONE HUNDRED AMERICANS RE-
PORTED IN DANGER.

GOING OVERLAND TO SALTILLO

Unconfirmed Rumor Says Party Was
Comprised of Many Women and
Children.

Mexico City.—One hundred Ameri- cans, including a number of women and children, refugees from Torreon, are reported to have fallen into the hands of rebels while proceeding overland to Saltillo. The authorities at Saltillo decline to take the re- sponsibility of sending a force to their rescue, fearing, they say, that the rebels might commit atrocities upon the refugees, which possibly otherwise would be avoided.

The report comes from an official source at Saltillo, but has not been confirmed. The American embassy has been advised and has called upon the Mexican forces to investi- gate the matter and do whatever is possible to relieve the Americans, should the report prove true.

Gambos Has No Advice.
Rector Gambos, the foreign minis- ter, has no advice further than the communication to the embassy. He expressed regret, but added that it was no more than might be expected as the result of the "neutrality" policy of the United States, which had hampered the administration in proceeding with a strong hand against rebels and bandits.

The Americans are headed by En- sign General J. C. Allen of Monterey, who went to Torreon to notify American residents there of President Wilson's warning. They left Torreon on September 1, travel- ing by the most available convey- ances across the plains in the direction of Saltillo, there having been no railroad communication for many weeks. They were passed on the way by J. R. Everett of Palestine, Tex., near Parras, about half way to Sal- tillo, or approximately eighty miles from Torreon. Everett reached Saltillo September 1, and reported that the caravan was making slow head- way, owing to the bad roads and poor equipment.

Chinese Sailors Hunt for Opium.

Portland, Ore.—Either longing for freedom or opium, a launch load of Chinese sailors from the British steamer Harlow made a break for the shore in an eighteen-foot launch run by a white man. The harbor police caught two after a stern chase. The white man and six Chinese got away. The Harlow, recently touching at San Francisco, was searched for opium and the supply reserved for the use of the crew confiscated. The boat left port without it, although orders from Washington, received after the Harlow sailed, were that the crew's private stock should be restored.

Receive a Hearty Welcome.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Marking their first peaceful invasion of the south, thousands of union veterans have ar- rived here to attend the forty-seventh annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations. Survivors of the army which caused the confederacy to tot- ter in the bloody battle of Chicka- mauga fought here fifty years ago, were greeted with the same cordiality shown the United Confederate Veterans whose annual reunion was held in Chattanooga last May.

Miller File's Brief.

Indianapolis, Ind.—United District Attorney Miller has sent to the United States court of appeals in Chicago a brief covering the govern- ment's reasons why a new trial should not be granted thirty-one of thirty- three men convicted in the dynamite conspiracy trials here last winter. The document is believed to be the longest of its kind ever filed in this country and contains 725 printed pages.

Woman Found Guilty of Murder.

Millen, Ga.—Mrs. Edna Perkins Godbee was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Florence Godbee, wife of her divorced husband. The jury recommended mercy. Mrs. Godbee shot and killed her former husband and his wife in the Millen postoffice a few weeks ago.

Epidemic of Counterfeits.

Washington, D. C.—There seems to be an epidemic of counterfeiters and the United States secret service has re- doubled its efforts to catch the offend- ers, so far without success.

New Iowa Hospital.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—The state board of education has let the contract for a new hospital building at Iowa City to J. Rowson for \$115,000. The contract for a new chemistry building has also been let to a Davenport firm, but the price was not announced.

Count Held on White Slave Charge.

Davenport, Ia.—Count Edwin J. Drunvick de Corompa of Austria has been held to the October term of the federal court charged with a vio- lation of the Mann act.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Hastings has leased ten acres of ground for school apartments.

The state teachers' association will meet in Lincoln September 25 and 26. Without a dissenting vote Adams county teachers indicted woman sur- frage.

Former York residents at Salem, Ore., have organized a club of over sixty members.

A fire destroyed the Burlington freight depot at York, together with three box cars.

The former annual meeting of the York chapter association was held in Redwood last week.

Crowds at the state fair last week, while not up to normal, were much larger than anticipated.

Carl Christian, aged 47, a pioneer of Norfolk, was drowned in North Fork river near that place.

The big four festival opened at Fremont Monday with a fine line of exhib- its and a good attendance.

Sparks from a Burlington engine burned a large haystack belonging to Harry Shneider, near Salem.

Robert Meekins, one year old, at York, is in a serious condition from drinking a quantity of kerosene.

William Murphy, thirty-five years of age, was killed by lightning on the farm of Henry Kobza, near Graf.

The elevator at Burlington caught fire during a high wind Monday and burned down with a loss of \$10,000.

The auto races at Norfolk, Septem- ber 17 to 19, will be under sanction of the American automobile association.

Dr. E. M. Whitten, one of the promi- nent physicians of Nebraska City, is dead after a long illness, at the age of 75 years.

Over 2,000 people listened to Gov- ernor Morehead's address on "Good Citizenship and Statesmanship" at Bea- rice Saturday.

Robert Atkinson, a 14-year-old York boy, has constructed an aeroplane with which he has made several ex- hibition flights.

W. L. Hulbert of University Place died at a Lincoln hospital from in- juries received when he was thrown from a bicycle.

The Eastern Nebraska Fruit Grow- ers' association, which incorporated for \$20,000 last week, has elected A. M. Shubert treasurer.

Dependancy over crop failure is thought to have been the reason for the suicide of Fay Taylor, a young farmer near York.

Plenty of mallard, teal and chickens are around the lakes in the vicinity of Alliance and hunters are having their usual season sport.

Carl Buthman of Falls City, who stepped on a nail, has developed a serious case of lockjaw, and alarm is felt over his condition.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. White of York celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Al W. White, last week.

In the annual ball game between the lawyers and bankers for the benefit of the public library at Albion, the score resulted 24 to 16 in favor of the bank- ers.

The three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Harlan of Havelock was badly scalded when she overturned a kettle of boil- ing water that had just been lifted from the stove.

James Malgard and son Peter, of Ruskin, narrowly escaped death when a Missouri Pacific train struck their auto at a crossing as they were return- ing from the state fair at Lincoln.

Frank A. Harrison of Lincoln and Col. Adam Breeds, editor of the Has- tings Tribune, have departed for a short tour through Central America. They will return about October 1.

The dead bodies of John Rys, aged sixteen years and George Dimer, aged nine, both of Havelock, who had been missing from home since Thursday, were found in a pasture near that place Saturday. The coroner's jury found they had come to their death by gunshot wounds, but who did the shooting could not be determined.

S. B. Beck of Lincoln, Neb., a stu- dent of the University of Nebraska, has been appointed physical director in the Iowa City high school.

The Arcadia Co-operative Creamery company of Arcadia have closed up their business and will sell at an early date.

Burr Bell, an employee of the Beat- rice Electric company, came near los- ing his life by coming in contact with a live wire carrying a 2,300 voltage.

Harry McReynolds of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, was badly injured at the state fair grounds at Lincoln when he was thrown from a sulky in a trotting race.

Sparks from the engine set fire to the straw around a separator while threshing on the farm of Mr. Wal- brecht near York, and destroyed the machine together with several stacks of grain.

The German day celebration to be held in Lincoln, October 15 and 16, under the auspices of the German- American alliance, promises to eclipse all former efforts in the line of dis- play.

Large numbers of silos are being erected in Johnson county by farmers who are desirous of saving all the feed they can for the stock.

While attempting to board the en- gine of a westbound freight, R. L. Dowling of South Omaha, a student fireman, was thrown beneath the train and had both feet and hands cut off at Columbus.

Rev. W. M. Ellledge of Wellington, Kas., has accepted a call to become pastor of the Congregational church at Weeping Water, to fill the vacancy made some months ago by Rev. J. H. Andrees, who went to Sheridan, Wyo.

Mrs. C. H. Nichols of Albion fell down the cellar stairs, breaking her wrist, nearly tearing her ear off and bruising herself generally.

THEY MAY APPEAL

STATES INDEBTEDNESS HIGHER
THAN FOR YEARS.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Re-
liable Sources and Presented in
Condensed Form to Our
Readers.

Only about 40 per cent of the volume of water claimed by the Kearney Water & Electric Power company as the amount which it is entitled to take from the Platte river has been allowed by the state board of irrigation. In a set of findings prepared by State En- gineer Price, which the board adopted, the Kearney company is given authori- ty to divert 140 cubic feet per second for power purposes and 12 cubic feet for irrigation. In the application filed with the board last December, the company asked permission to take 400 cubic feet per second for power and 35 cubic feet for irrigation. The com- pany claims that its needs are meas- ured by these figures and it will prob- ably appeal from the allowance made by the board as inadequate.

Thinks Legislature to Blame.

The state's floating indebtedness September 1 amounted to \$350,914 more than it has in many years past. The sum represents the total of the registered warrants now outstanding upon which the state has to pay a 4 per cent interest—usually for an aver- age time between sixty and ninety days. The state treasurer holds the legislature blameable for the big debt and likewise says that the county treasurers are not doing all that they can, because they do not make remit- tances to the office as often as they should. Back of it all the state's re- venue and taxation laws and the desire of the people to maintain their state government and institutions on a so- called higher plane caused the in- creased debt. Solution to the prob- lem, that is, the submission of some plan whereby the state can operate in a more businesslike way than in the past two or three years, is to be brought forward by the tax commis- sioner.

Where Should It Be Assessed?

If a farmer lives in one township and has live stock located in another township not connected with his home place, where should the stock be as- sessed? The question has been raised many times in the last few years and under the present law the state board of assessment and the attorney gen- eral have decided that it should be assessed in the township where the stock is being held. The district court of Wheeler county, however, in re- versing the county board, decided that it should be assessed in the township where the farm residence is located. The matter has come to the attorney general's office in the hope that the suit can be appealed and the supreme court can be prevailed upon to voice its opinion in the matter. The point has never been passed upon by the higher court.

Will Stop in Sixty-seven Towns.

The milk cow train to be run under the auspices of the state university and the Nebraska Dairymen's associa- tion in co-operation with the North- western and Burlington railroads will travel approximately 1,500 miles and will pass through and make stops of sixty-seven towns in the following counties: Knox, Pierce, Madison, An- telope, Holt, Rock, Brown, Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes, Sioux, Box Butte, Morrill, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Custer, Sherman, Buffalo, Hall, Perkins, Lincoln, Frontier, Dawson, Gosper and Phelps.

Nepotism Frowned Upon.

Relationship by marriage as well as by blood is construed by the state legal department to prohibit the holding of positions in state institutions by per- sons who are kin to the official heads thereof. An opinion just delivered by Attorney General Martin to the board of county holds that the section of the law forbidding an institution superin- tendent to employ his own relatives applies with equal force to those hav- ing blood ties and those who have been brought into the family circle through matrimonial alliances.

May Put Ban on Mustaches.

Promulgation of an order requiring food inspectors to discard their must- aches and thus afford germs no hid- ing places in dangerous proximity to their noses may be the next step taken by Food Commissioner Harman. Thus far he has been merely discouraging the wearing of the hirsute appendages, but his attitude has resulted in weed- ing down the number now worn by his inspectors to two. And the pair, so it is said, will ultimately give in to the wishes of their superior officer.

Four trans-continental routes across five states will be represented at the good roads gathering to be held in Lincoln, September 23, according to Secretary Parisoe of the Omaha-Lin- coln-Denver Route association. From letters received from Colorado, Iowa, Illinois and Utah, which are affiliated with Nebraska in the movement, Sec- retary Parisoe believes there will be several hundred delegates present at the gathering. The meeting is to be held for the purpose of consolidating all trans-continental route associa- tions.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Members of the Girls' Industrial School band entertained state house officials and employees Tuesday with a musical entertainment of an hour's duration.

The Lincoln charter convention is practically done with its burdensome task of preparing a form of a charter to submit to the voters of the city for their adoption or rejection.

J. R. Duncan of Peru has been elect- ed secretary of the state board of ag- riculture and is now on duty at the board's office in the state house. He succeeds Clyde Barnard of Table Rock who was holding the office by appoint- ment.

James Little and Robert Day, two convicts from the Nebraska peniten- tiary who have been working as farm hands near Tecumseh, made their escape Sunday and have not been re- captured. They were traced as far as St. Joseph.

Governor Morehead was bitten by a dog several days ago while visiting on one of his Richardson county farms. The wound was at once cauterized and although it was painful for some time afterward, is now believed to be healing in tip-top shape.

Mistakes discovered in the session laws give counties a right to vote 2 1/2 per cent of the total assessed valua- tions of county property for acqui- sition of county telephone plants. It should have read 2 1/2 per cent. The corrected Fuller bill signed by the gov- ernor, is correct, and as that counts, the printed laws will have no effect in this respect.

State Food Commissioner Harman and his inspectors condemned 204 pounds of hamburger and 150 gallons of drinks at the fair. The conces- sionaires brought more hamburgers than they could sell and when it showed signs of spoiling it was con- demned by the state food commis- sioner. Drinks that were found upon inspection to be soured or spoiled were also thrown away.

The state tax commission created by the act of the last legislature held its initial session at the state house Wednesday. Rules for conducting hearings which the commission will hold during the fall and winter were adopted and formal division of the work between the five members was made. Plans were also made to hear several advocates of tax reform pre- sent their ideas at sessions to be held by the body.

The G. A. R. department has been informed that the railroads will not allow stopover privileges in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio for soldiers attend- ing the national encampment at Chat- tanoga except at Cincinnati and In- dianapolis. Excursionists may also stop at Missouri river points and at Louisville, Ky. This ruling will de- prive many of the old soldiers of Ne- braska from visiting in states north of Tennessee.

Freight rates on bananas to Lincoln have been raised, but the increase is to be suspended if the railway com- mission has its way about it. Unless suspended, the rates will go into effect September 15, jumping from 71 cents to 80 cents. The question involved is similar to the principle involved in the lumber rate case. Lincoln and Bea- rice both have a 71-cent rate on ba- nanas shipped from the gulf. Topeka has a rate of 80 cents. The interstate commerce commission said the Tope- ka rate must not be higher than the Lincoln rate, so instead of lowering the Topeka rate the railroads raised the Lincoln rate.

The proposition to exchange Ne- braska school lands for 10,000 acres of North Platte forest reserve pre- sented to the federal department of the interior by Senator Hitchcock on request of the Nebraska reforestation commission, will have to come before the next session of the legislature, ac- cording to Attorney General Martin. The present law does not provide for trading of land and the step would have to be validated by legislative en- actment, he says. Thus attempts to effect the trade would be of little im- mediate avail, if the attorney general's notion is correct, although the plan proposed has the support of scores of leading western Nebraskans.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 more acres of irrigated land of Scotts Bluff, Mor- rill and Sioux counties have been re- ported to state officials for listing on the state's assessment roll for the present year. The land has previous- ly been in process of grant to settlers from the federal government and has never before been subject to Nebraska taxes. The aggregate value of the land reported will amount to over \$200,000 and will make marked in- creases in the valuation of the coun- ties where it is located.

Curley the Crow, only survivor of the Custer massacre, talked before a large crowd in the auditorium at the state fair Friday. Curley wears a silver medal which bears the state- ment that the Indian is the only sur- vivor of the Wounded Knee battle. He is a half breed Sioux and served as a scout. He lacks the usual Indian features, although he has the swarthy face and large nose characteristic of his people. He used good English in speaking, but his speech is tainted by a trace of the New England dialect. He has none of the guttural tones so common among the Indians.